

A. MoorHeart Recognition: Jen Troska



City Council Communication

March 11, 2024

SUBJECT:

MoorHeart Recognition: Jen Troska

RECOMMENDATION:

The Mayor and City Council are asked to recognize and honor Jen with the MoorHeart award.

BACKGROUND/KEY POINTS:

The MoorHeart award recognizes individuals and organizations that go above and beyond to demonstrate community within our City by their actions and service. A team of volunteers from City boards and commissions selects award recipients who are recognized at City Council meetings. The MoorHeart selection committee chose to recognize Jen Troska and her outstanding contributions to the Moorhead community especially through her work with the Inclusive playground.

Jen has been an advocate for making the Moorhead community accessible for everyone. Jen serves as the Vice Chair of the Human Rights Commission where her passion and unwavering commitment to human rights is able to shine.

Siham Amedy wrote in the nomination: Jen's tireless efforts have significantly impacted the lives of Moorhead residents, particularly in her work towards establishing an Inclusive Playground—a project that reflects her commitment to creating spaces where everyone, regardless of ability, can thrive. Jen has been instrumental in making the vision of an Inclusive Playground a reality. Through her leadership, she has worked diligently on fundraising initiatives for Inclusive Moorhead, demonstrating not only her dedication to the cause but also her ability to mobilize community support for important projects. Her advocacy extends beyond rhetoric, translating into tangible outcomes that enhance the quality of life for Moorhead residents. In addition to her role on the Human Rights Commission, Jen is a vocal advocate for children with special needs. Her advocacy is not limited to discussions as she takes concrete actions to ensure that the voices of those often marginalized are heard and considered in community development. Jen's inclusive mindset and compassionate approach make her an inspiration to others and a driving force for positive change.

Jen, the City of Moorhead thanks you for your dedication to building a community that values diversity, equality, and inclusivity. Your hard work is valued and makes Moorhead a better place.

The MoorHeart award is commemorated with a piece of art commissioned from local artist, Dennis Krull especially for this purpose.

As you learn of others in our community doing great things, large and small, please consider submitting a nomination. Information on nominating others for MoorHeart consideration is found at cityofmoorhead.com.

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FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:

Not Applicable

Voting Requirements: Not Applicable

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